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ALEXANDRA CAVALLO, EDITOR

Look, I'm a slouchy beanie and battered pair of Chucks kind of girl. That said, I do care about personal style, which is why I'm stoked to see high fashion embracing more accessible, inclusive looks — as well as the platforms that suit them best. I might spend more time on Instagram than I'm comfortable admitting, but it can't be beat when it comes to discovering new trends and looks. Plus, it's in my purse or pocket at all times. Check out how New York Fashion Week's evolved, along with a preview of what you can expect, on page 4.



ADVISERS REFUSE TO TESTIFY IN RUSSIA PROBE

The top Democrat on the U.S. House Intelligence Committee described on Wednesday “a developing pattern” in which witnesses have declined to discuss events occurring after President Donald Trump's election in the panel's probe of Russia and the 2016 vote. “Some witnesses have been postponed, others canceled, and two specifically have refused to answer questions about the events in the period,” Rep. Adam

Schiff said in a statement. Schiff said the committee should begin contempt proceedings if Steve Bannon, a former senior Trump adviser, continued to refuse to testify, after Bannon did not comply with a subpoena. Schiff said the committee was informed that Corey Lewandowski, a former Trump campaign manager, would refuse to reappear before the committee to testify any further, despite agreeing earlier to do so.

CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS FORGE BUDGET DEAL

Congressional leaders, in a rare display of bipartisanship, on Wednesday reached a two-year budget deal to raise government spending by almost \$300 billion, attempting to curb Washington's fiscal policy squabbling but also widening the federal deficit. The agreement, announced by leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives, would lift caps on defense funding and some domestic spending. It

also would postpone a reckoning with the federal debt limit. Along with President Donald Trump's tax cuts that were approved by Congress, the new round of spending would further add to the bulging deficit and may face resistance in the House from Democrats as well as Republican fiscal hawks. “This bill is the product of extensive negotiations among congressional leaders and the White House,” Sen. Mitch McConnell said.

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

TAIWAN QUAKE

Rescue and emergency workers block off a street where a building came off its foundation, the morning after a 6.4 magnitude quake hit the eastern Taiwanese city of Hualien, on Wednesday. Rescue workers scrambled to search for survivors in buildings left tilting precariously on their foundations after an overnight earthquake killed four and injured more than 200.

TRUMP AIDE TO RESIGN AFTER ABUSE CHARGES

White House staff secretary Rob Porter said on Wednesday he would resign following accusations of domestic abuse from two former wives. Porter, a senior adviser who is in charge of much of the documentation that goes to President Donald Trump for his signature, announced his resignation in a statement after his former wives made accusations against him in published reports. DailyMail.com quoted Colbie Hold-

erness as saying that Porter choked and punched her during their marriage. Intercept.com quoted former wife Jennifer Willoughby as saying that Porter was abusive. Reuters has not independently confirmed the claims. “These outrageous allegations are simply false,” Porter said in a statement. “I have been transparent and truthful about these vile claims, but I will not further engage publicly with a coordinated smear campaign.”

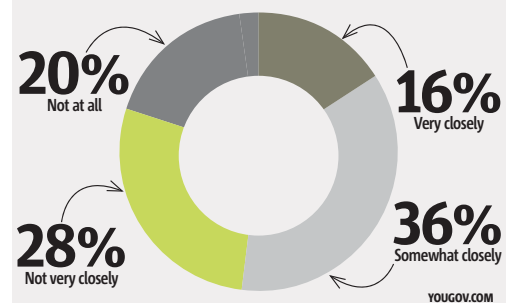
RISE IN SUICIDES AFTER ROBIN WILLIAMS' DEATH

Suicide rates in the United States spiked almost 10 percent following the death in 2014 of actor Robin Williams, and spiked even more among men and those who ended their lives, like Williams, by suffocation, according to a study published on Wednesday. The study, published in the scientific journal PLOS One, found that in the five months from August to December 2014, some 18,690

deaths by suicide were recorded — an increase of 9.85 percent from the expected number of cases for the period. An autopsy found that Williams was suffering from Lewy body dementia, which causes a progressive decline in mental ability. Suicides following Williams' death rose by 12.9 percent in men aged 30-44, and the study found a 32 percent increase in the number of deaths from suffocation.

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The evolution of New York Fashion Week

Has Instagram killed the catwalk?



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Since its inception in 1942, New York Fashion Week (NYFW) has been one of the biggest events in the who's-wearing-who world. Along with shows in Paris, Milan and London, it's a mainstay of the "Big 4," where industry titans unveil uber-couture collections no mere mortal could ever afford ... or pull off.

Entrance and access to NYFW used to be reserved for the super rich and influential. However, the rise of social media and the increasing popularity of street style over haute couture have dimmed NYFW's exclusivity, making both visibility of the events and accessibility of the clothes available to a far larger audience.

This month's iteration is shaping up to be one of the most unique fashion



Strike a pose — there's something to it. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

weeks yet. **Here's what we expect:**

- A lot of established designers, like Rebecca Minkoff, and up-and-comers are skipping it; they're banking on the remaining Big 3, or abstaining entirely. Reasons vary, but many movers-and-shakers are creating their wears with the modern sensibility that fashion shouldn't be dictated by a 76-year-old calendar. Not

to mention the fact that furs and fleece attract little interest in Los Angeles, São Paulo and Sydney — markets no one was considering back in the early days of Fashion Week. Alexander Wang made the unprecedented announcement that while he'd keep his shows in New York, he was moving them to a June/December schedule. And if this trend takes hold, it could render NYFW obsolete.

- Major fashion houses are cancelling conventional runway shows and instead relying on Instagram influencers to share their creations. As millennial fashionistas consume clothing online, NYFW's IRL shows aren't so important.

- Models will finally get private changing areas; up until now they were expected to strip down in full view of anyone

NEW YORK FASHION WEEK FACTS

- NYFW is from Thursday, Feb. 8 to Friday, Feb. 18.
- Expect congestion around Varick and Canal Streets during this time.
- One-day VIP access passes are still available to the general public for \$1,799.
- Feel like catching a show for free, in the comfort of your most fashionable footie-pyjamas? Stream them on fashionweekonline.com/live.
- Go to nyfw.com for the complete schedule information.

backstage. This has long been industry standard, but the #MeToo moment has given models the confidence to voice misgivings they've long held about the whole thing.

- One designer who will be noticeably absent from the shows? Marchesa co-founder Georgina Chapman (you used to know her as a frequent guest judge on "Project Runway" but

now you'll recognize her as Mrs. Harvey Weinstein — for now, at least).

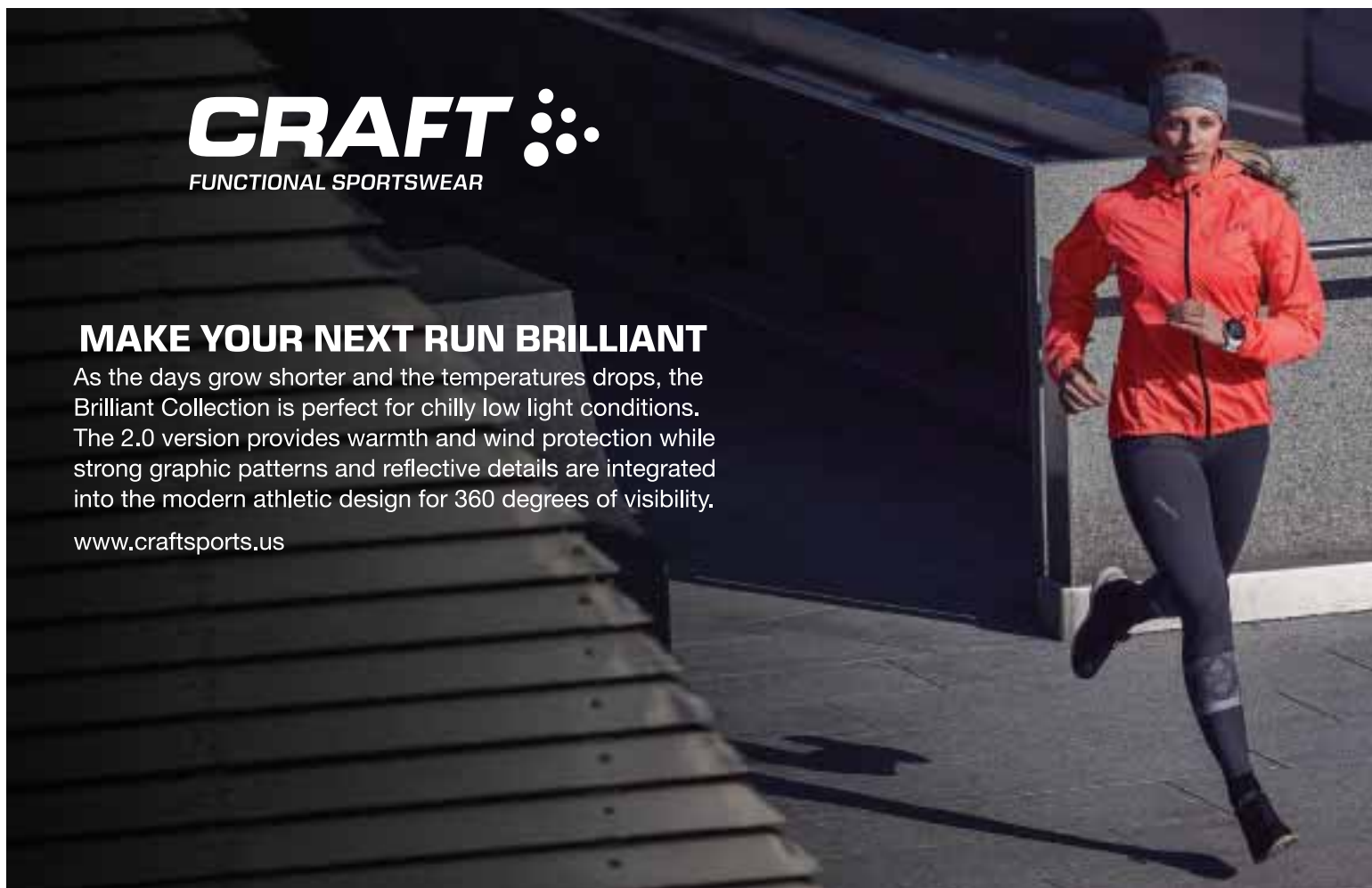
- Victoria Beckham's line will celebrate a decade of London Fashion Week catwalks this year, but she's eschewing NYC runways and instead hosting a series of more intimate mini-shows at the posh (spice!) James Burden Mansion on the Upper East Side.

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NBC Olympics, a division of NBC Sports Group, partnered with smart cities tech and media company Intersection to broadcast exclusive Olympic content on the more than 1,300 LinkNYC kiosks across the city.

NBC's digital-based content for the Olympic Winter Games, which take place in Pyeongchang, South Korea, Feb. 9 through Feb. 25, will include morning highlights, medal counts, primetime previews, schedules, real-time alerts and more.

The Olympics coverage isn't just relegated to New York City, though. Chicago residents will be able to see the content on digital urban panels



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and platform displays in the Chicago Transit Authority, and Philadelphians can see it on digital bus shelters, urban panels and platform displays throughout SEPTA, PATCO and city streets.

"Whether walking the streets of New York, riding the Chicago L or waiting in Philadelphia's 30th Street Station, Olympics fans in these three cities will be surrounded by the excitement of the

Winter Games," Gary Zenkel, president of NBC Olympics, said in a statement. "Emerging media platforms like the LinkNYC network in New York City represent another way for NBCUniversal to reassemble the television audience by extending the reach of our Olympic coverage, content and promotion to spaces where the American audience now consumes media."

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Immigration activist Ravi Ragbir, pictured at a demonstration last March. GETTY IMAGES

De Blasio writes letter to ICE asking agency not to deport Ravi Ragbir

New York City immigrant rights leader Ravi Ragbir is facing deportation and Mayor Bill de Blasio is asking U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to let him remain here.

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fice Director of ICE.

"Forcing him to return to Trinidad would not only affect his wife and child — who are U.S. citizens — but would adversely impact the larger immigrant community," de Blasio continued.

Ragbir is currently the executive director of The New Sanctuary Coalition of New York City, a faith-based immigrant rights group.

Though Ragbir's legal team won his release from detention on Jan. 29, 2018, they learned that ICE ordered him to report for deportation on Feb. 10.

Elected officials and community organizers have called Ragbir's ICE detention part of a "retaliation" effort by ICE against outspoken immigration activists.

Though he may not be noted in his letter that though ICE claims to prioritize deportation for those who "pose a public safety risk," the actions against Ragbir raise concerns about how the agency may be targeting immigrants.

Mayor Bill de Blasio

"These activities not only create fear in immigrant communities, but undermine public safety."

Mayor Bill de Blasio has written a letter to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement asking the federal agency not to deport Ravi Ragbir, a local immigration rights advocate whose ICE detention sparked a rally in January.

Hundreds have voiced support for Ragbir after he was detained following a routine check-in with ICE. Community members have said that he is a pillar of the New York City community, and New York Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez brought Ragbir and his wife, also a local immigrant rights advocate, to the State of the Union in Washington.

"In his more than 20 years as a lawful permanent resident in the United States, Mr. Ragbir has made significant contributions to the city's civic life and has been widely recognized for his work as a speaker, educator, and organizer on issues related to immigrant rights," de Blasio wrote in his letter to the New York Field Of-

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Cuomo: Bridge reconstruction on LIE/GCP reaches final phase

The \$58 million reconstruction of three bridges at the interchange of the Long Island Expressway and Grand Central Parkway has been completed, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced Tuesday.

The work began in the spring of 2015 and included highway improvements on the LIE between GCP and

growth for the entire Empire State."

The bridges that were reconstructed as part of the project include the LIE mainline over the GCP and eastbound and westbound LIE service roads over the parkway. Replacing decks and steel structures for all three bridges, bridge widening and adding shoulders to

"These vital improvements will help ease congestion at this busy interchange for motorists while offering those traveling to LaGuardia and JFK a smoother commute."

Gov. Andrew Cuomo

College Point Boulevard in Queens.

Traffic entered its final pattern this week, nine months ahead of schedule, and the project will be fully completed by spring. About 350,000 vehicles use the GCP/LIE interchange on a daily basis.

"These vital improvements will help ease congestion at this busy interchange for motorists while offering those traveling to LaGuardia and JFK a smoother commute," Cuomo said in a statement. "By modernizing and strengthening Queens' transportation infrastructure, we help to meet the demands of the 21st-century traveler while spurring economic

the bridges were also part of the project.

Additionally, to help reduce gridlock, the westbound entrance lane from the Van Wyck Expressway to the westbound LIE has been extended.

Lighting along the LIE mainline and service roads between College Point Boulevard and the GCP and beneath the LIE and GCP have also been upgraded to new, energy-saving LED lighting.

Installing concrete barriers, restoring pavement and resurfacing roadways, including from 112th Street to east of College Point Boulevard, are part of the work left to complete the project this spring. **NICKI M. MASCALL**

THE MET

Judge: New York's Met can keep Picasso sold during Nazi flight

A U.S. judge has dismissed a lawsuit seeking the return by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Manhattan of a Pablo Picasso masterpiece that a German Jewish businessman was allegedly forced to sell at a low price to fund an escape from the Nazis and fascism.

U.S. District Judge Loretta Preska in Manhattan on Wednesday said the great-

grandniece of Paul Leffmann, who once owned "The Actor," could not show under New York law that he sold the painting under "duress," justifying its return to her family.

The great-grandniece, Laurel Zuckerman, who oversees the estate of Leffmann's wife Alice, had alternatively sought more than \$100 million of damages over "The Actor," from Picasso's Rose Period in 1904 and 1905.

Lawrence Kaye, a lawyer for

Zuckerman, had no immediate comment on Preska's 50-page decision. The museum also had no immediate comment.

The lawsuit is one of many seeking to reclaim art taken or sold after Adolf Hitler took power in Germany in 1933.

It said the Leffmanns fled Germany for Italy in 1937, and the next year Paul Leffmann sold "The Actor" to two art dealers for \$12,000 to fund an escape to Switzerland from the Fascist regime of Benito Mus-

solini, a Hitler ally.

The Met acquired "The Actor" in a 1952 donation, but did not acknowledge Leffmann's ownership until 2011, after decades of incorrect cataloging, the lawsuit said.

Zuckerman said the circumstances of the 1938 sale meant her family never lost title. The Met had expressed sympathy for the Leffmanns' plight, but said Paul Leffmann sold "The Actor" at a fair price and not because of persecution. **REUTERS**

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Another study was done by Pearl Diver research group who reviewed 198,000 files of those who underwent this type of treatment. Follow up 2 years later revealed 82% had not required surgery.

Massive Cost Saving For Patients, Insurance Companies & Medicare?

While surgery may be the best option for some...for others, due to fear of surgical risk, medical ailments that may prohibit surgery or for those that are just seeking less invasive alternatives, the costs savings can be staggering. In a study published in the American Journal of Managed Care, a potential savings of \$4706.00 per patient if treated with viscosupplementation was estimated. In a theoretical population of 100,000 (NYC is over 10 million) over a 3 yr. period, 808 knee replacements were projected to be avoided and up to \$9,131,819 could potentially be saved by patients, medicare and insurance carriers. *This should be welcome news for rising health care costs.*

Who Can Benefit From This Treatment?

This treatment is not for everyone. But it may be for you if you have sensations of grinding or rubbing, pain on simple weight bearing, getting up from sitting or even simply

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Cornell University has recently seen a scandal involving an on-campus fraternity. ISTOCK

NY frat put on probation for campus 'pig roast' sex contest

Yep, you read that right.



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Cornell's Kappa Chapter of Zeta Beta Tau (ZBT), the world's first "inclusive Jewish organization," was put on two years probation for partaking in a "pig roast." No, not for cooking a boar on a spit — for participating in a contest that rewarded members for sleeping with the heaviest women on campus.

The "roast" was uncovered after Cornell's Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life (OSFL) investigated misconduct reports from 2017. The investigation concluded in January of this year and revealed that new members of ZBT "could accumulate 'points' by engaging in sexual intercourse with women," reads a report released by the school.

"In the event of a tie, additional points were awarded to the new member who had had sex with a woman who had weighed the most," the report continues, adding that members "were told not to inform the women of the contest."

In addition to their two-year "probationary recognition," the chapter will be required to participate in Cornell's Sexual Assault Awareness Week, hold monthly meetings with the OSFL and conduct a "full chapter brotherhood review." Their national organization will also be required to conduct an external review.

ZBT National told Metro in a statement that they "simply will not tolerate the objectification or degradation

of any human being," and in their review, should they find that members "are not on board with our focus on healthy relationships, they will be removed from the fraternity."

Cornell's Interfraternity Council (IFC) President Paul Russell told The Cornell Daily Sun, "We think the IFC and the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life are uniquely poised to respond to this type of activity because we can and have mandated that the chapter now participate in programming to educate their members about sexual misconduct and help them to foster a healthy culture."

When asked to comment on the probation and "pig roast," Cornell's Kappa Chapter of ZBT directed Metro to a statement both issued to The Daily Sun and posted on Facebook last week.

"In response to the allegations detailed yesterday in the Cornell Daily Sun, the brothers of the Kappa Chapter of Zeta Beta Tau would like to first and foremost express our mutual disgust along with those who feel hurt or victimized," the statement read.

IFC Executive Vice President Luke Bianco told Metro, "The members of this institution, both those who participated in this practice and those who simply stood by and did nothing, are widely recognized as problematic," stating that the IFC recognizes "the advantage in maintaining their [ZBT] chapter in order to efficiently manage the distribution of training with regards to sexual violence prevention." Bianco clarified that getting this chapterwide education wouldn't be required had ZBT been removed from campus.

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In recent weeks, Trump and some Republicans in Congress have tried to cast suspicion on the Russia investigation. GETTY IMAGES

Poll: Majority of voters say Trump has tried to 'derail or obstruct' the Russia probe

A new poll shows that 53 percent of American voters believe that President Donald Trump has tried to "derail or obstruct" special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into potential links between Trump's 2016 presidential campaign and the Russian government.

In the Quinnipiac poll released Tuesday night, 50 percent of respondents said they believed that the Russia investigation was legitimate, compared to 42 percent who said it was a "political witch hunt" — an argument made by Trump, his associates and members of the GOP. Among independent voters, the number who said the probe was legitimate was higher: 54 percent said it was; 39 percent said it wasn't. When asked if Trump had tried to "derail or obstruct" the Russia probe, 56 percent of independents said he had, and 37 percent said he hadn't.

When asked whether Republicans in Congress were also trying to derail or obstruct Mueller's investigation, numbers were more mixed: 46 percent of overall voters said they were; 42 percent said they weren't.

In recent weeks, Trump and some Republicans in Congress have tried to cast suspicion

on the investigation, claiming that the FBI harbors an anti-Trump bias. But voters aren't buying it: 55 percent say the bureau is not biased against Trump, while 33 percent say it is. Overall, voters approve of the way the FBI is doing its job, 48 percent to 36 percent — that's up two points since January.

And ultimately, 55 percent of respondents said they didn't trust Trump to do what's right. (But 57 percent said they didn't trust the media to do what's right either). Whom they do trust: 67 percent said they trust the courts, and 61 percent trust the intelligence agencies.

"Special Counsel Robert Mueller is not out to get President Donald Trump, American voters say, but they do feel the president is out to get Mueller," said Tim Malloy, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Poll. "And almost half of voters think Republicans in Congress are trying to obstruct the Russian investigation. Despite the beating they've taken from the White House, the judiciary and the intelligence communities are considered a lot more trustworthy than the Oval Office and the Fourth Estate."

MICHAEL MARTIN

NYC REAL ESTATE

Nasdaq to move New York headquarters to Times Square from downtown

Nasdaq Inc. said on Wednesday it would relocate its global headquarters from downtown Manhattan to midtown, expanding its lease at the Times Square office tower from where it broadcasts the market opening and closing bell ceremonies.

Nasdaq will expand its space fivefold at 4 Times Square, a 48-story tower owned by The Durst Organization. The building,

built in 1999, recently underwent a \$140 million renovation that included a new entrance and lobby, among other upgrades.

The exchange's larger presence in the heart of Manhattan will drive its brand forward and offer an "unparalleled experience" for its clients, Nasdaq said in a statement.

Nasdaq's plans include a state-of-the-art corporate event space on the 10th floor with the capacity to host more than 400 people and feature an outdoor

terrace overlooking Times Square, the company said.

The 15-year lease for 145,000 square feet includes an extension of the current 24,000-square-foot MarketSite lease. Financial terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Times Square is a major tourist destination and a magnet for retailers' flagship stores. Commanding more than \$2,000 a square foot — the highest price for retail space in Manhattan after Fifth Avenue — it remains

in strong demand for both retail and entertainment.

Nasdaq last week posted higher-than-expected fourth-quarter earnings amid a rise in revenue from non-trading related businesses, now a bigger part of the exchange's strategic focus.

Nasdaq was represented by Michael Ippolito of Newmark Knight Frank and Robert Tanzman of Cushman & Wakefield. Durst was represented in-house by Tom Bow, Rocco Romeo and Tanya Grimaldo. REUTERS



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Surprising bat genetic trait holds key to longevity



Eighteen species of bats are longer-lived than humans relative to body size. GETTY IMAGES

Bats are the longest-lived mammals relative to body size, and a species called the greater mouse-eared bat lives especially long. Researchers now have unlocked some of this bat's longevity secrets, with hints for fighting the effects of aging in people.

Scientists said on Wednesday that unlike in people and most other animals, in this bat species the structures called telomeres at the end of chromosomes, thread-

like strands inside a cell's nucleus that carry genes determining heredity, do not shorten with age.

Only 19 mammal species are longer-lived than humans relative to body size. Eighteen of them are bats, some living more than four decades. The other is an African rodent called a naked mole rat.

The researchers identified two genes in the greater mouse-eared bat that may be responsible for its unique longevity adaptation. These

mechanisms could be the focus of future studies on aging, with an eye toward extending healthy lifespans in people, the researchers said.

Telomeres are protective caps at the ends of chromosomes that shorten each time a cell divides. This drives the natural aging process, leading to a breakdown of cells that over time can drive tissue deterioration and eventually death.

"Studying exceptionally long-living mammals that have naturally evolved mechanisms to fight aging is an alternative way to identify the molecular basis of extended 'health spans,'" said biologist Emma Teeling of University College Dublin in Ireland, one of the study leaders. "Bats are an exciting new model species that will enable us to identify new molecular mechanisms that drive healthy aging."

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Hall and Stevens' characters embark on an open relationship in the film.
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'Permission' is an uncomfortable rom-com – and proud of it

Rebecca Hall and Dan Stevens talk subverting the dormant genre of romantic comedies with their new film.



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When do you know that you're with the right person? Do you ever? Those are the questions that "Permission" examines in a nonjudgmental, amusing and at times even moving fashion.

The film follows Anna (Rebecca Hall) and Will (Dan Stevens), a seemingly happy couple in their early 30s, who are on the brink of engagement. But after Anna's brother Hale (David Joseph Craig)

and his boyfriend Reece (Morgan Spector) remind the duo they have only ever slept with each other, they soon decide to embark on an open relationship — a move that exposes their insecurities.

Over the phone, Stevens admits that he has been intimately linked with the film since before writer and director Brian Crano even dreamed up the idea. "I have known both Brian and Rebecca for 10 years," he says. "I feel like I have grown up with them. These characters, through our permission, are based on our relationships or our friends' relationships."

As a result, Stevens found making "Permission" and re-exploring this period of his life both "important and quite

beautiful."

Meanwhile, Hall's role as producer allowed her to assist Crano in the evolution of the film. "[We] had lots of conversations leading up to the script that revolved around coupling," she says.

"Because even though we currently live in a very sophisticated age of relationships, there is still this very quiet pressure on couples that have been together for a while to get married. But if they question that, there is a

sense that they are a failure, rather than it being good."

The actress also notes that she "wanted to tell a story about a conventionally good woman that makes a decision that isn't what is expected of her in order to figure out who she is."

Rather than being a film about the morals or the ins and outs of taking part in an open relationship, "Permission" focuses on how it improves the self-development of its characters.

"For a lot of people, it does work," Hall says. "For this, though, Brian was amused that he kept seeing people that weren't able to split up. They were unable to have a straightforward conversation about doing that."

For Hall and Stevens, this made the film the perfect fodder for a rom-com — even if in recent years the genre has become dormant.

"It has often been said that the romantic-comedy genre is dead," Stevens says. "But I don't think that romance is dead. And I don't think that comedy is dead. I think that comedy shifts every 10 years or so. And maybe romance is like that, too."

Hall adds, "What we really want everyone to be left with is to laugh and be moved, and to be quite uncomfortable so that they are forced to have awkward conversations with their partners."

"Permission" will be released in select cinemas in New York and on-demand Friday, Feb. 9.



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The 'Altered Carbon' finale was a hot mess

With a hectic finale, the promising series goes south.



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"Altered Carbon" — Netflix's latest offering — is beautiful in its neo-noir cyberpunk glory, but trying to do far too much. That could all be forgiven, of course, thanks to pretty enjoyable performances from Joel Kinnaman (as Takeshi Kovacs), Martha Higareda (as Kristin Ortega) and, c'mon, I loved me some Chris Connor as the delightful, loyal Poe. But then, there was the finale. And, dear reader, it went a step too far.

The series started out as a basic ass murder mystery: Former Envoy Kovacs is resleeved into a new body by Laurens Bancroft (James Purefoy) to solve his Bancroft's own murder. But as "Altered Carbon" continues, things get increasingly complicated — Kovacs discovers he was resleeved into the body of Elias Ryker, a man that just so happens to be Ortega's unhinged boyfriend. There's a secret prostitution ring, but instead of sex, Bancroft pays to permanently

murder the life out of unwitting victims. Oh, and also? Turns out Kovacs' thought-to-be-dead sister Rei (Dichen Lachman) is responsible for all the bad stuff that's going on in Bay City. Still with me?

The finale tries its best to wrap up all one billion of those plots, but every ending is unsatisfying and rushed. And a lot of that blame can be firmly perched on the shoulders of Rei: As far as big bads go, she's just an immature little sister type with abandonment issues and a very stupid grudge. Despite being literally the most powerful person in the world, she spends the last episode of "Altered Carbon" mumbling and grumbling and yelling about how much she hated her parents and how Kovacs never paid her enough attention. For each of her many snarls, I wondered to myself: What is she talking about? Also, why?

But it's not just Rei. The episode has the nerve to set up a romantic union between Kovacs and Ortega before abruptly snatching it away, with Kovacs helping Ortega set up her home for Ryker's return. One second, they're embracing, Ortega heartened to see Kovacs alive



Rei, Kovacs' little sister, is to blame for many of the finale's transgressions. **NETFLIX**

once more; a couple of scenes later, he's leaving for good, promising to return Ryker's sleeve so they can be together again. It's agonizing! They could have at least made out a little bit.

Another thing? The series never manages to touch on its problematic racial dynamics. Kovacs is a muscular Asian dude in the body of an even more muscular white man, and that is never, ever touched upon. Go on and enroll "Altered Carbon" in the "Ghost in a Shell" school of whitewashing, I guess.

As much as there were good things about the series — its diversity, inventiveness and the way it questioned the morality

of an increasingly digitized world — the finale of "Altered Carbon" made me regret watching the whole thing. Not to be dramatic, but I wouldn't mind getting those 10ish hours of my life back.

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The Osprey

There's seasonal, and then there's springs of flowers in your cocktail served in a park. The middle of winter is the best time to reconnect with nature, and former

Locanda Verde chef Michael Oliver puts it all on the plate at The Osprey, with floor-to-ceiling views of Brooklyn Bridge Park to boot. Valentine's specials like cavatelli with roasted chestnuts and Berkshire pork duo with heirloom grits will be served all weekend, and as a \$95pp prix fixe on the day. 1 Hotel Brooklyn Bridge, 60 Furman St., first floor, theospreybk.com

Don Angie

Angie Rito and Scott Tacinelli's Don Angie was worth waiting for, with

modern Italian-American dishes that are retro-cool while raising the red sauce game in this town by a few notches. Sharing is always a tricky thing with food, but the lasagna for two is plenty enough for two, while the enchanting two-toned Buffalo Milk Caramelle beats any heart-shaped dessert in town. 103 Greenwich Ave.

Rahi

Reimagining Indian food with New York ingredients has won Rahi accolades from West Villagers, with artful plates and

mix-and-match flavors from both cuisines. Their hospitality is on point as well, in a dining room that's bustling without overbearing your conversation. For Valentine's Day, get ready to feel the love with the Aphrodisiacs, a five-course pre-fixe menu (\$75pp with vegetarian options) with highlights including lotus root kofta and Kashmiri lamb ribs. 60 Greenwich Ave., rahinyc.com

Dante

It's rare for a reboot of a restaurant to be as

of-the-moment as its predecessor, but the new Dante has not only pulled it off, but made itself an essential destination for those early dates when things are still pretty new but you like each other enough to share a sit-down meal (over some excellent cocktails). On Valentine's Day, the prix fixe (\$65pp) opens with a rose petal martini, then rolls out three courses of new favorites like burrata with figs and kingfish crudo. 79-81 Macdougall St., dante-nyc.com

Eden Local

Midtown West newcomer Eden Local feels like walking into a sexy version of the Biblical garden where you're definitely encouraged to indulge your fantasies. Don't worry, there's no catch either — chef David Laris grew up on a farm and maintains that his ingredients be locally sourced and organic. For its first Valentine's Day, the restaurant is leaning into its name with an \$85pp prix fixe featuring butter-poached Maine lobster and a flaming brandy-kissed beef ten-

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Brigitte

Does France even have trends? Why bother when bistro chairs, black-and-white portraits and tiny flower-and-herb bouquets are completely timeless? At Lower East Side newcomer Brigitte, you'll find a comfortably sexy ambiance, like the restaurant equivalent of an off-the-shoulder sweater, and you'll be asked to



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conform to it by depositing your phones in a box on your table. Enjoy your \$65pp prix-fixe dinner — options include goat cheese with honey-apple confit, Angus beef tenderloin in medoc sauce, and a chocolate cake cup with mascarpone ice cream — without the real world interrupting every few minutes. What a concept! 37 Canal St., brigitteles.com

Legasea

The pleasures of life on land and under the sea collide at the Moxxy Hotel's new seafood

brasserie Legasea, proof that good restaurants do happen to Times Square. Bathed in a perma-sunset golden glow, this restaurant turns out outrageously fresh seafood that makes even classics like clam chowder and crab beignets worth revisiting. They'll be serving a few special things for Valentine's Day like steamed black sea bass and a buttermilk panna cotta. If the weather is kind, head up to the rooftop bar Happy Hour for a round of naughty mini golf after dinner. 485 Seventh Ave.,

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Skynama

Skyn Condoms wants you to think about intimacy outside the context of sex. Ahead of Valentine's Day, they're hosting Skynama: An Intimate Short Film Festival, with five-minute films that might actually help take your relationship to the next level. The night also includes an open bar and hors d'oeuvres, social scavenger hunts, photo ops and, for those who don't mind a stylish duo looking into their soul, honest appraisals of your personality by The Bumbys. Feb. 8, 7-10 p.m., Studio 17, 2 W. 17th St., free with RSVP, skynemafilmfestival.splashthat.com

BEER

Pregame Your Brain: The Science of Beer

End your workweek with a speed dating-style event where you drink beer while learning stuff. Caveat, the new nerd-oriented event space on the Lower East Side, has organized 10-minute speed lessons all about beer around its space while you avail yourself of the 10 beers on tap. Feb. 9, 6-8 p.m., Caveat, 21A Clinton St., free with RSVP (\$5 at the door), caveat.nyc

BEAUTY

Best of Korea

If you hang around beauty blogs, you already know that one of the biggest trends is K-Beauty. With the Winter Olympics putting the spotlight on South Korea, Soko Glam's Best of Korea Pop-Up arrives to give you a taste of the country's music (with dancers!), food and drinks, plus skincare tips/product picks from the co-founder of Soko Glam. Plus, be sure to put your name in to possibly win a free trip to Korea! Feb. 10-11, 201 Mulberry St., free, sokoglam.com

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Cupid's Undie Run

No Pants Subway Ride is fun, but public nudity gets even friendlier with Cupid's Undie Run, when a group of slightly crazy but well-meaning people get undressed to raise money for a good cause. This one-mile sprint (less if temps are frigid) raises funds and awareness for the Children's Tumor Foundation. Runners meet at noon at Stage 48, which also hosts the after-party (open bar; pants optional). Feb. 10, 2 p.m., Pier 84, 555 12th Ave., \$40, cupids.org

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Quirky Korea

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Mr. Toilet House

In Suwon, just south of Seoul, lies the toilet-themed Haewoojae Museum, set in a giant toilet-shaped house. Built as the home of Sim Jaedeock, a sanitation-minded mayor who worked to change public health standards in the city, upon his death in 2009 his family donated the unusual house to the city, and it was turned into a museum. In addition to exhibits outlining toilet history in Suwon and worldwide, there's a sculpture garden of commodes from times past.

Wear a hanbok at Gyeongbokgung Palace

There's nothing quirky about a visit to Gyeongbokgung Palace, unless you're wandering the tranquil grounds dressed in a colorful hanbok, the traditional Korean-style clothing comprised of billowing skirts or pants. Hanbok rental stands have popped up around the palace providing clothing by the hour, and are all the rage to help visitors get in the spirit of the Joseon dynasty, during which Gyeongbokgung was built in the 14th century.

Picnic at Penis Park

A collection of phallic statues stands erect at Samcheok Haesindang Park on the country's eastern coast. Legend has it that a maiden drowned in a cove near the small fishing village before she was able to consummate her marriage, and her anger at being cheated out of love caused the fish to disappear. In a desperate attempt to appease the young woman, the villagers erected penis-shaped statues in the hopes of lifting the curse, and the fish eventually came back.

Sample Korea's favorite food at Museum Kimchikan

Fans of the fermented cabbage dish will want to visit Museum Kimchikan in Seoul. Set amid the traditional buildings and souvenir shops in Insa-dong, this tasty museum features exhibits about the history and making of kimchi, one of Korea's most beloved foods. Tours are offered in English, and visitors can taste myriad kimchi varieties from different regions of the country.

Wonder at Tumuli Park

Gyeongju is the ancient capital of Korea's Joseon Dynasty, which ruled from the 14th through 19th centuries, and is of-

ten described as an open-air museum. In addition to historical remnants such as the 8th-century Bulguksa Temple and the Seokguram Grotto, a stone-carved Buddha, and UNESCO Heritage site, the city is home to the Daereungwon Tomb Complex, also known as Tumuli Park. The stark landscape features otherworldly rolling hills, which are actually giant burial mounds housing ancient royalty.

Take a selfie at Busan Gamcheon Culture Village

Known as Korea's Santorini, the southern port city of Busan is home to Gamcheon Culture Village,



bright, street art-filled neighborhood that's been compared to Machu Picchu because of the steep climb visitors must take to reach it. Artistic residents of this hillside enclave have decorated the walls and alleys with



Rent a traditional Korean outfit to stroll the grounds of Gyeongbokgung Palace. PROVIDED

colorful, picturesque murals, making it one of Busan's most Instagrammed locations.

Go rail biking in Jeongseon

Just south of PyeongChang in the mountainous region of Jeongseon, a disused stretch of railway tracks has been repurposed into a rail bike track. The pedal-powered contraptions follow the tracks on a four-and-a-half mile circuit through the mountains. Quirky cafes have popped up along the route to replenish tired bikers, the most notable of which are shaped like fish and grasshoppers.

Ponder the sculptures at Love Land

The southern island of Jeju is known as Korea's version of Hawaii, and is home to Love Land—a

very unconventional, sex-inspired theme park. It's not surprising that visitors must be at least 20 years of age to enter, as the park's various sculptures, exhibits, and artwork feature erotic themes and poses, and the gift shop houses all manner of trinkets that would make Walt Disney blush.

Eat bondaegi

Bondaegi — dried silk-worm carcasses — are a typical Korean bar snack popularly accompanying soju, Korean rice whiskey. For a local treat, head to any of Seoul's ubiquitous convenience stores, such as Family Mart or Buy the Way, to grab a can of the grubby treats, or get them freshly stewed from one of the city's countless street food vendors.

Stay at the Sun Cruise Resort

Overlooking the East Sea in an area known for

spectacular sunrises, the Sun Cruise Resort is an upscale hotel set in a 540-foot long, 211-room structure that resembles a cruise ship run aground. Complete with restaurants, a revolving bar, a nightclub and a saltwater pool, this cliff-top vessel turns heads and creates a peculiar coastal landscape.

Eat and drink at Ddo-ong Cafe

In Korea, poo symbolizes prosperity and good fortune, and dropping-shaped dolls and cartoon characters are considered the epitome of cuteness. In coffee-crazed Seoul, there's even a feces-themed café. Despite the initial ew-factor, the whimsical (if offbeat) ambiance—decorated with toilets, miniature plungers, and smiling cartoon droppings—this quirky coffee shop also serves up crap-shaped scones and lattes in toilet-shaped mugs.



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Pâtisserie de Resistance



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cuisine, heavily inspired by Denmark's culinary revolution. This chef's unbridled imagination is just barely harnessed by his firm grasp of classic technique; coconut mousse with mint sorbet and dehydrated yogurt shavings, or marinated fennel with lemon butter, tea ice cream, and citrus caviar may be some of the desserts on the six- or nine-course tasting menu.

L'Éclair de Génie

Christophe Adam has long been a wunderkind of the pastry scene, and with the establishment of his Éclair de Génie stores, he also launched the trend of pastry shops specializing in only one sweet treat. In Adam's case, this sweet treat is the éclair: a pastry whose name translates to "lightning" (as in: eaten faster than a bolt of lightning). The perfected *pâte à choux* encases flavor combos far more interesting than the classic chocolate or coffee, ranging from orange-pistachio to single-origin Tainori dark chocolate to Adam's personal favorite, salted butter caramel, a nod to his Breton roots.

You can now also find Adam at Dépôt Légal, his new breakfast,

straints of tradition with a stark, almost industrial interior that was the perfect showcase for Castel's pastry creations. While Liberté is still a favorite for some locals, Castel has since moved on to found his eponymous shop, where he has combined his love of both Paris and New York in his personal recipes for pastries like classic French cream tartlets and New York cheesecake.

Yann Couvreur

Yann Couvreur earned his stripes in some of Paris' top restaurants before opening his pastry shop, where he offers French pastry classics like a truly excellent lemon tart, as well as a handful of surprises, including a mocha-anise éclair in an innovative rectangular shape.

The millefeuille that made Yann Couvreur famous when he was the pastry chef at the Prince de Galles can also be found at this shop: a combination of buckwheat *kouign amann* and unctuous Madagascar vanilla cream assembled to order. But be careful! Couvreur makes only 50 of these a day, and when they're gone, they're gone.

Du Pain et Des Idées

We couldn't keep Christophe Vasseur's Du Pain et Des Idées off this list, even if Parisians would be aghast at its inclusion: You see, this shop does not actually deal in pastry, but rather in viennoiseries, a separate category including croissants, pains au chocolat, and the house specialty: escargot. The snail shells are most often filled with pastry cream and rum-soaked raisins, but here they take on a completely different identity, with fillings ranging from chocolate-pistachio to cream cheese and berry. Unlike many of his colleagues, Vasseur became a baker at 32 years of age. He has more than made up for his lack of experience, winning the Gault Millau prize for best baker in Paris in 2008.

These are the bakeries to know in the French capital right now.

Fodor's Travel

Le Meurice

Cedric Grolet is at the helm of the pastry kitchen at one of Paris' top luxury hotels, Le Meurice. It is here that he has become famous not only for his beautiful, wholly Instagrammable creations (including an ambitious pastry Rubik's Cube!) but also for his reinvented French pastry classics, like a lemon tart with olive oil vinaigrette. His pastries stand out for featuring surprisingly little sugar despite Grolet's expertise in sugar art — he won the National Trophy in 2005.

Nomos

Guillaume Sanchez was a fan favorite in the most recent season of the French Top Chef, and at his restaurant Nomos he continues to surprise and captivate diners with sweet and savory pastry creations. The spare Scandinavian design of the restaurant mirrors the

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lunch and brunch spot where he makes a mean *kouign amann*, a Breton cake whose name literally translates to butter cake (it delivers on the promise).

Benoît Castel

Pastry chef Benoît Castel made a name for himself at Liberté in the 10th arrondissement, a pastry shop that was decidedly "liberated" from the con-

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Kristaps Porzingis' injury might have sparked a Knicks fire sale

Without their All-Star, the Knicks look to be packing it in before today's NBA's trade deadline.



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Kristaps Porzingis' season-ending ACL injury suffered on Tuesday night against the Milwaukee Bucks looks to have sped up the process of the Knicks selling at the trade deadline.

Just hours after it was announced that the All-Star was done, effectively ending any chances of the Knicks making t h e

KYLE O'QUINN



postseason, New York traded young center Willy Hernangomez to the Charlotte Hornets for Johnny O'Bryant and two second-round draft picks in return.

Porzingis' injury could have opened up more playing time for Hernangomez, who has been stapled to the bench for most of the season.

After showing flashes of becoming a productive center in the league last season, averaging 8.2 points and seven rebounds per game in just over 18 minutes per night, Hernangomez lost the starting job after the Knicks acquired Enes Kanter in the Carmelo Anthony trade.

With Kyle O'Quinn being used as Kanter's main backup, Hernangomez has appeared in just 26 of the team's first 55 games while averaging just nine minutes with 4.3 points and 2.6 rebounds per game. Those numbers are almost identical to O'Bryant's numbers as he's averaging 4.8 points and 2.6 rebounds in 10.5 minutes per outing.

But at 23 years old, Hernango-



The Knicks have been busy on the market since Kristaps Porzingis' injury on Tuesday night. GETTY IMAGES

mez's upside made him an attractive target on the trade market as multiple teams inquired about his availability, leading his representation to ask for a trade on Tuesday.

Given that upside though, the Knicks are getting a somewhat underwhelming return.

The frontcourt could be worn down even thinner before Thursday's trade deadline.

League executives have told Ian Begley of ESPN New York that the Knicks are still taking calls for O'Quinn and

guard Courtney Lee, as well as center Joakim Noah. Granted, Noah's monster contract and off-court issues will make him a tough sell.

O'Quinn, like Hernangomez and Kanter, generated plenty of buzz on the trade market as teams have been inquiring about New York's big men for the better part of the last two weeks. The Warriors were one of the most notable teams interested in O'Quinn.

Now in his sixth NBA season, he has become a fan favorite at Madi-

son Square Garden as his high-energy play off the bench earned him the main backup role behind Kanter, which forced Hernangomez's playing time to dwindle near nothing, prompting a trade request that was answered by the Knicks earlier on Wednesday.

Lee is in the midst of putting up a career year, averaging 13.3 points per game while shooting nearly 42 percent from three-point range. While he's signed through the 2019-20 season, his availability on the market could be showing the

Knicks' true intentions, though it might be rash to start throwing the word "tank" around.

Granted, the idea of selling Lee while his value is highest could only help the Knicks assemble future assets to help build the team, especially if they have a high lottery pick.

That's a very real possibility now without Porzingis as the rest of New York's 2017-18 campaign will likely be a brutal stretch.



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On the slalom scene, Shiffrin is one the best, if not the best in the world having been a major player for the past five years.

Dating back to 2013, Shiffrin has finished first

in the FIS World Cup standings four of the past five years. Last year saw her also finish in second in giant slalom.

In the meantime, Shiffrin became the youngest Olympian to win a gold medal in slalom when she finished first as an 18-year-old at the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi.

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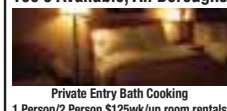
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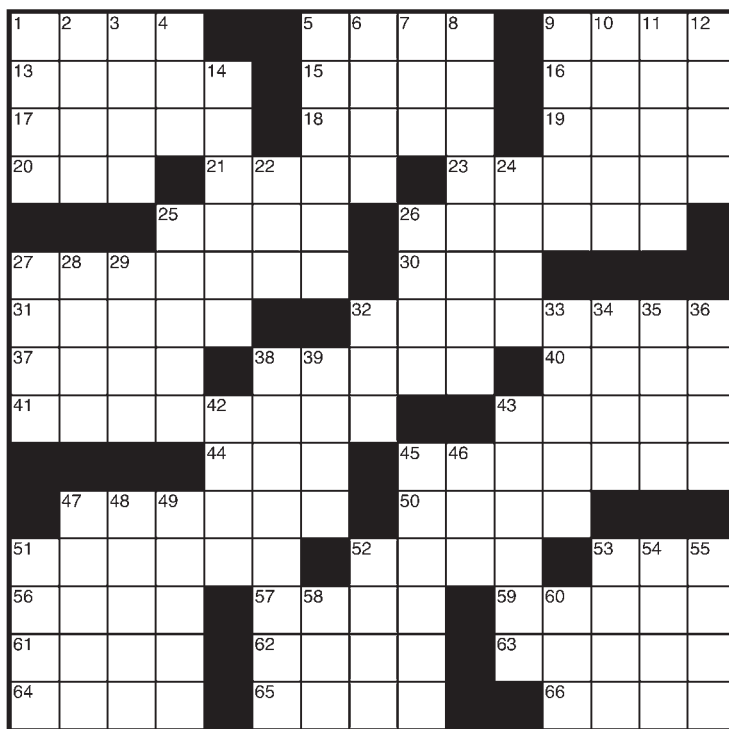
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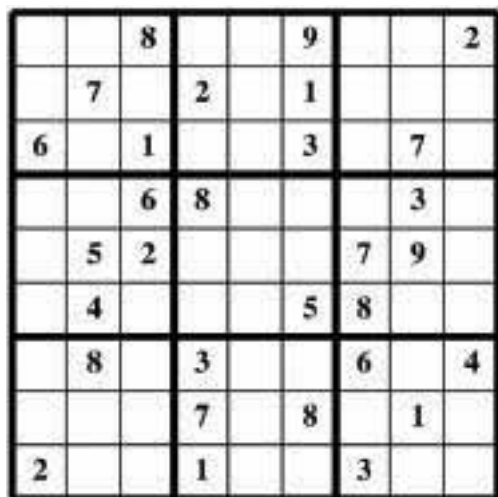
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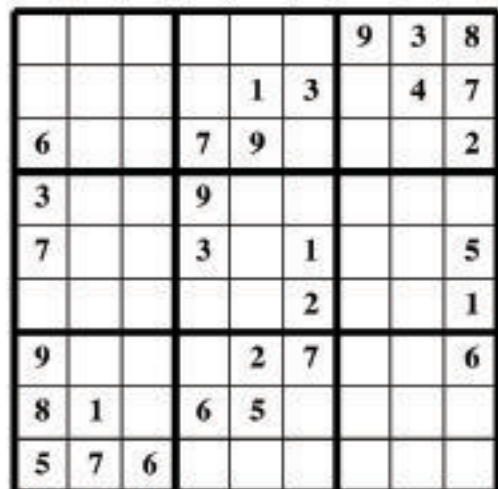


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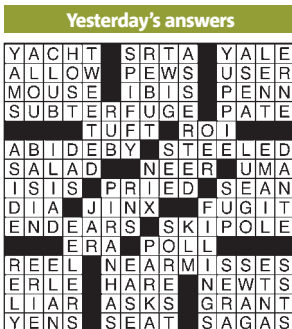
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